

# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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Hearing Program
Petition No. 1313
Tuesday, September 12, 2017
3:00 p.m./6:30 p.m.
Eno Memorial Hall Auditorium
754 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, Connecticut

- I. Opening by Council
  - A. Statement read by Chair.
  - B. Comments by Public Official(s) (if any)
  - C. Motions
  - D. Administrative Notice taken by Council

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- E. State Agency comments
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#### II. Appearance by Petitioner

Petitioner: DWW Solar II, LLC

Representative: Lee D. Hoffman, Esq. Pullman & Comley, LLC

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- 4. DWW Solar II, LLC's Aerial Drone Video Footage of Proposed Site, dated September 1, 2017
- 5. DWW Solar II, LLC's Responses to the Town of Simsbury Interrogatories, Set I, dated September 5, 2017
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- 7. DWW Solar II, LLC's Sign Posting Correspondence with photographs, dated September 5, 2017

#### C. Swear Witnesses

- 1. Claude Cote
- 2. Jeffrey Grybowski, Deepwater Wind
- 3. Aileen Kenney, Deepwater Wind
- 4. Shawn Markham, Soltek, LLC
- 5. Susan Moberg, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.
- 6. Gordon Perkins, Environmental Design & Research, Landscape Architecture, Engineering & Environmental Services (EDR)
- 7. Jeffrey Peterson, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.
- 8. Paul Vitaliano PE, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.
- D. Full Exhibits Verification of exhibits by witnesses and admission by the Council.

#### E. Cross Examination.

- 1. Council
- 2. Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP)
- 3. Department of Agriculture (DOAg)
- 4. Abutting Property Owners, Flammini et al.
- 5. Town of Simsbury

III. Appearance by Party: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP)

Representative: Kirsten S.P. Rigney, Esq.

Bureau of Energy Technology Policy

**DEEP** 

A. Administrative Notice.

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- B. Exhibits for Identification.
  - Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's Notice of Intent to Be a Party, dated August 1, 2017
  - 2. Comments from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, dated September 11, 2017
  - C. Swear Witness

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- D. Full Exhibits Verification of exhibits by witnesses and admission by the Council.
- E. Cross Examination.
  - 1. Council
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  - 3. DOAg
  - 4. Abutting Property Owners, Flammini et al.
  - 5. Town of Simsbury

IV. Appearance by Party: Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DOAg)

Representative: Jason Bowsza

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  - 2. Department of Agriculture's Comments from Steven K. Reviczky, Commissioner, dated August 30, 2017
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  - C. Swear Witness
    - 1. Kipen Kolesinskas, Consulting Conservation Scientist
  - D. Full Exhibits Verification of exhibits by witnesses and admission by the Council.
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V. Appearance by Party:

Abutting Property Owners, Flammini et al.

Representatives:

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- B. Exhibits for Identification.
  - 1. Abutting Property Owners, Flammini et al.'s Request for Party Status, dated August 28, 2017
  - 2. Abutting Property Owners, Flammini et al.'s Pre-filed Testimony of George Logan with attachments, dated September 8, 2017
  - 3. Abutting Property Owners, Flammini et al.'s, Pre-filed Testimony, dated September 11, 2017
    - a. Lis Shlansky, MD, MPH
    - b. Zhenkui Zhang
    - c. Ed and Carol F. Wrobel
    - d. Michael Flammini
    - e. Linda Lough
    - f. Robert Perissi
  - C. Swear Witnesses
    - 1. Michael Flammini
    - 2. Laura Nigro
    - 3. Linda Lough
    - 4. Lisabeth Shlansky, MD, MPH
    - 5. Zhenkui Zhang
    - 6. John Marktell
    - 7. Rob Perissi
    - 8. Ed Wrobel
    - 9. George T. Logan
  - D. Full Exhibits Verification of exhibits by witnesses and admission by the Council.
  - E. Cross Examination.
    - 1. Council
    - 2. Petitioner
    - 3. DOAg
    - 4. DEEP
    - 5. Town of Simsbury

VI. Appearance by Party:

Town of Simsbury

Representatives:

Jesse A. Langer, Esq. Robert M. DeCrescenzo, Esq. Updike, Kelly & Spellacy, P.C.

A. Administrative Notice.

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- B. Exhibits for Identification.
  - 1. Town of Simbury's Request for Party Status, dated July 6, 2017
  - 2. Town of Simsbury's Pre-filed Testimony with attachments, dated September 5, 2017
    - a. Lisa L. Heavner, First Selectwoman, Town of Simsbury
    - b. Marguerite Carnell, Vice Chair, Simsbury Historic District Commission
    - c. Robert J. Carr P.E., LEP, Zuvic, Carr and Associates, Inc.
    - d. Chad Frost, Kent + Frost, LLC
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